1998 GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1998

CITY OF GOLD HILL
GOLD DISCOVERED ON HILL ACROSS ROGUE RIVER IN 1860. LAND FOR GOLD HILL DONATED BY THOMAS & ROSE CHAYNER IN 1884. RAILROAD BUILT IN 1887. TOWN INC. FEB. 12, 1895. FIRST SCHOOL IN METHODIST CHURCH IN 1889. ELECTRICITY CAME FROM GOLD REY DAM IN 1904. WATER PUMPED BY BEAVER PORTLAND CEMENT CO., WHO BUILT A PLANT IN 1914, WHICH CLOSED IN 1967. FIRE IN 1915 DESTROYED LIVERY STABLES, BLACKSMITH SHOP & OTHER BUSINESSES. WESTERN UNION, WELLS FARGO, GOLD HILL NEWS, BANK, THEATER & OTHER STORES, THRIVED.
THIS MARKER FUNDED BY OREGON STATE AND GOLD HILL BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES
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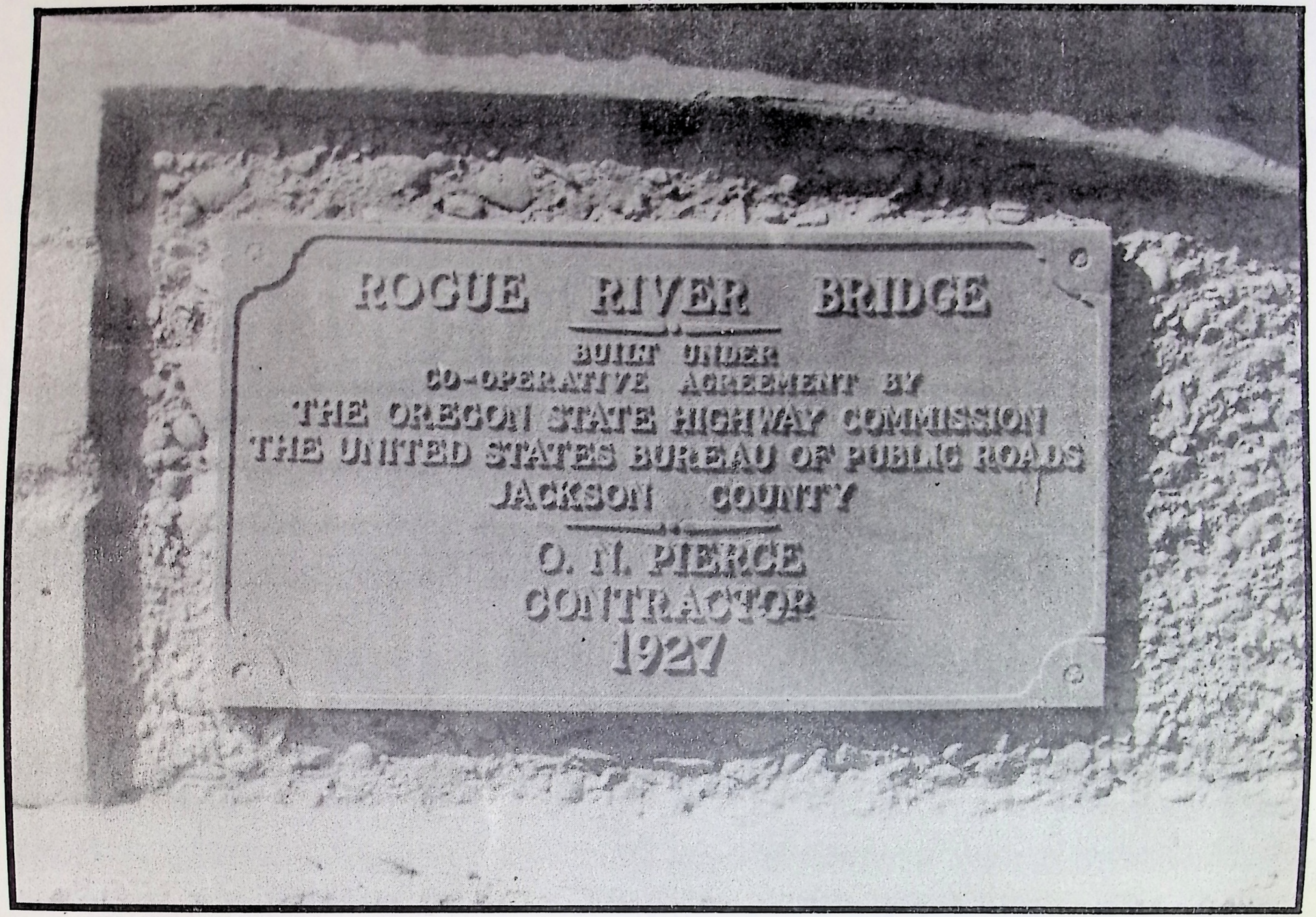

This monument is on the east end of the bridge that replaced the old bridge washed out by the 1927 flood.
GHHS # 2738. Photo by Ted Wharton

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11	12 Full Moon ○	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Last Quarter ☽	21 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 New Moon ●	29	30	31

This plaque is located in the Gold Hill Park on 2nd Avenue. It was placed by the Gold Hill Lions Club which is now disbanded.

GHHS # 2710

JANUARY 1998

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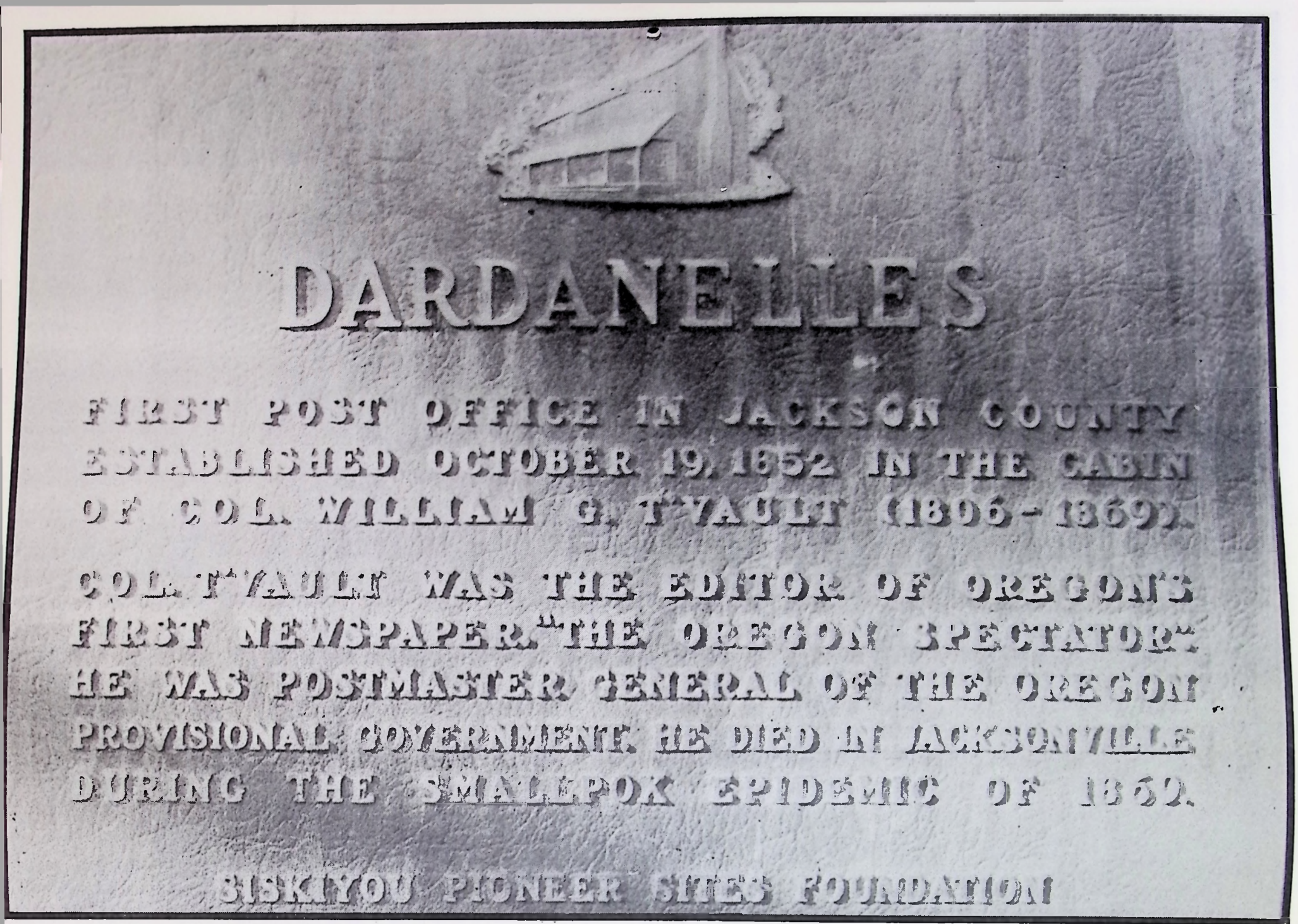
1	2 *Groundhog Day*	3 First Quarter ☾	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Full Moon ○	12	13	14 *Valentine's Day*
15	16 *Presidents' Day (U.S.)* *Heritage Day (Canada)*	17	18 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	19 Last Quarter ☽	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 New Moon ●	27	28


DARDANELLES
FIRST POST OFFICE IN JACKSON COUNTY
ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 19, 1852 IN THE CABIN
OF COL. WILLIAM G. T'VAULT (1806-1869).
COL. T'VAULT WAS THE EDITOR OF OREGON'S
FIRST NEWSPAPER, "THE OREGON SPECTATOR."
HE WAS POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE OREGON
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE DIED IN JACKSONVILLE
DURING THE SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC OF 1853.
SISKIYOU PIONEER SITES FOUNDATION

The Dardanelles monument located in a small, nearly inaccessible park at the S. E. corner of the intersection of I-5 overpass and Old Stage Road

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8	9	10	11	12 Full Moon ○	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	19	20 Vernal Equinox	21 Last Quarter ☽
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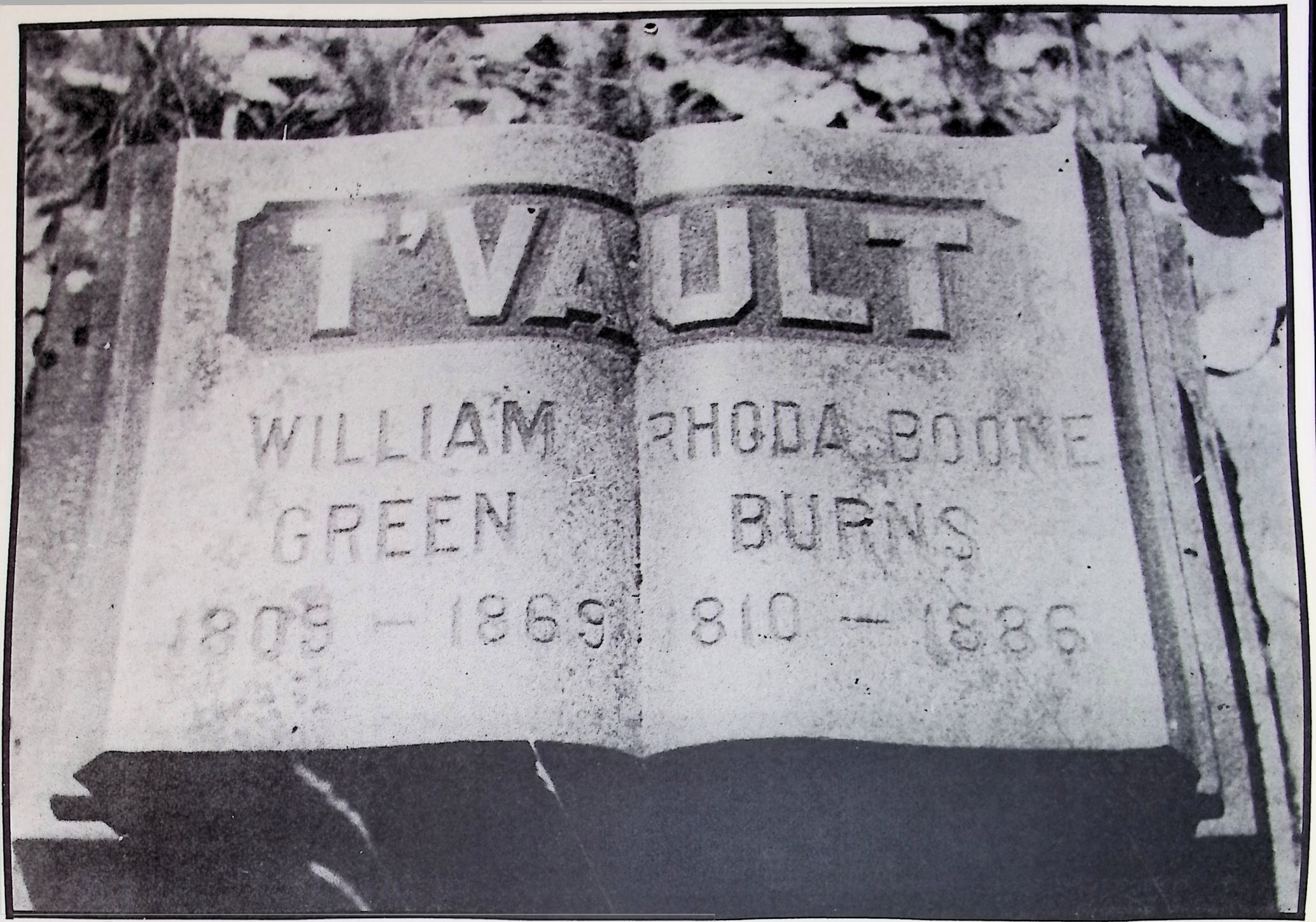

Grave marker of Col. William Green T'Vault and his wife, Rhoda Boone Burns T'Vault, located in a local cemetery. Col. T'Vault died in Jacksonville of smallpox in 1869 after surviving hardships, privation and Indian wars.
Copy of a photo by Linda Genaw

GHHS # 539

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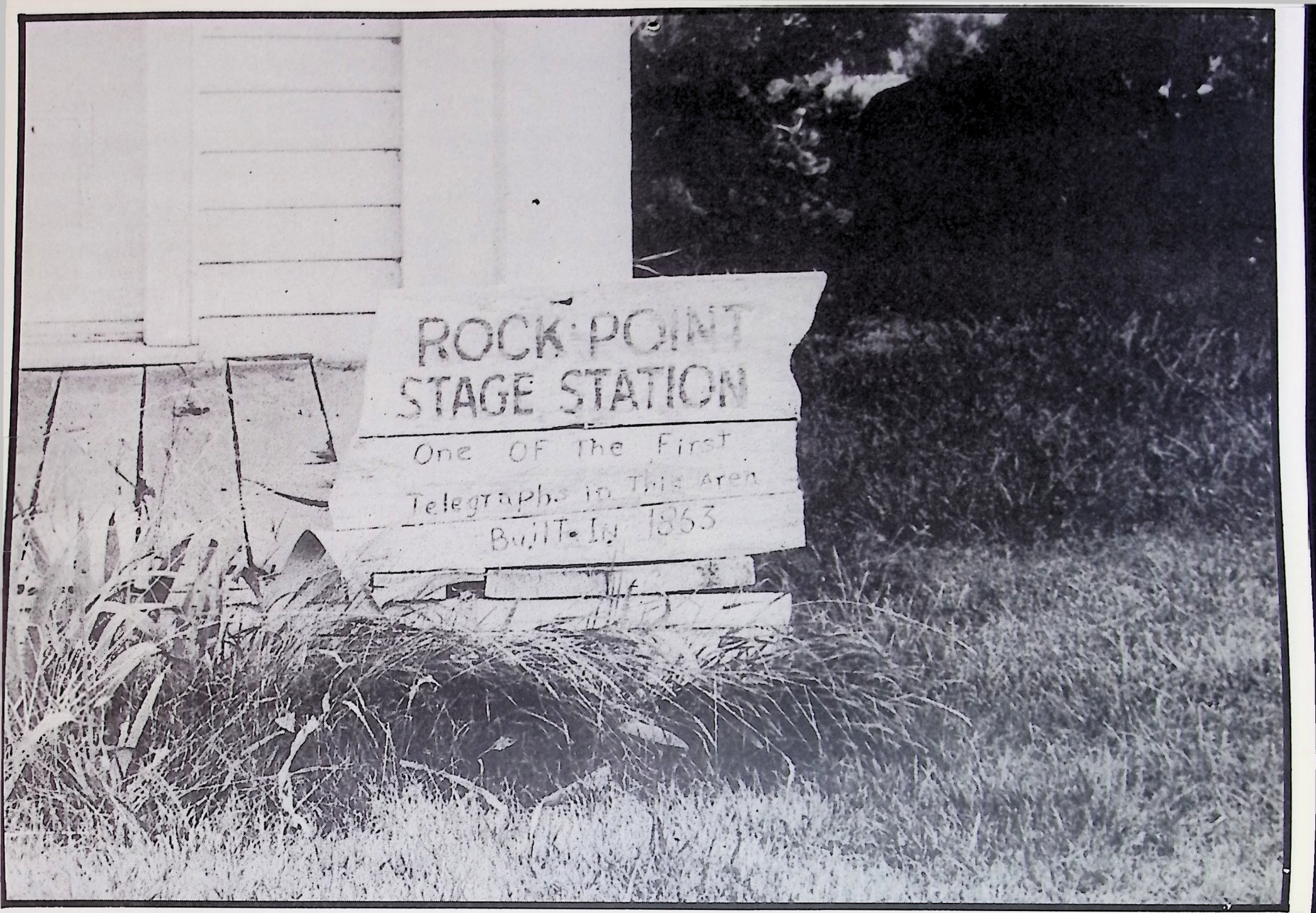
			1	2	3 First Quarter ☾	4
5 *Daylight Saving Time Begins*	6	7	8	9	10 *Good Friday*	11 *First Day of Passover* Full Moon ○
12 *Easter Sunday*	13	14	15 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	16	17	18 *Last Day of Passover*
19 Last Quarter ☽	20	21	22 *Earth Day*	23	24	25
26 New Moon ●	27	28	29	30		



Early sign at the Rock Point Stage Station, built in 1853 and still standing in good repair. Used as home and offices of the Deuel family at the recently discontinued Del Rio orchards. Photo by Ted Wharton *GHHS # 2301*

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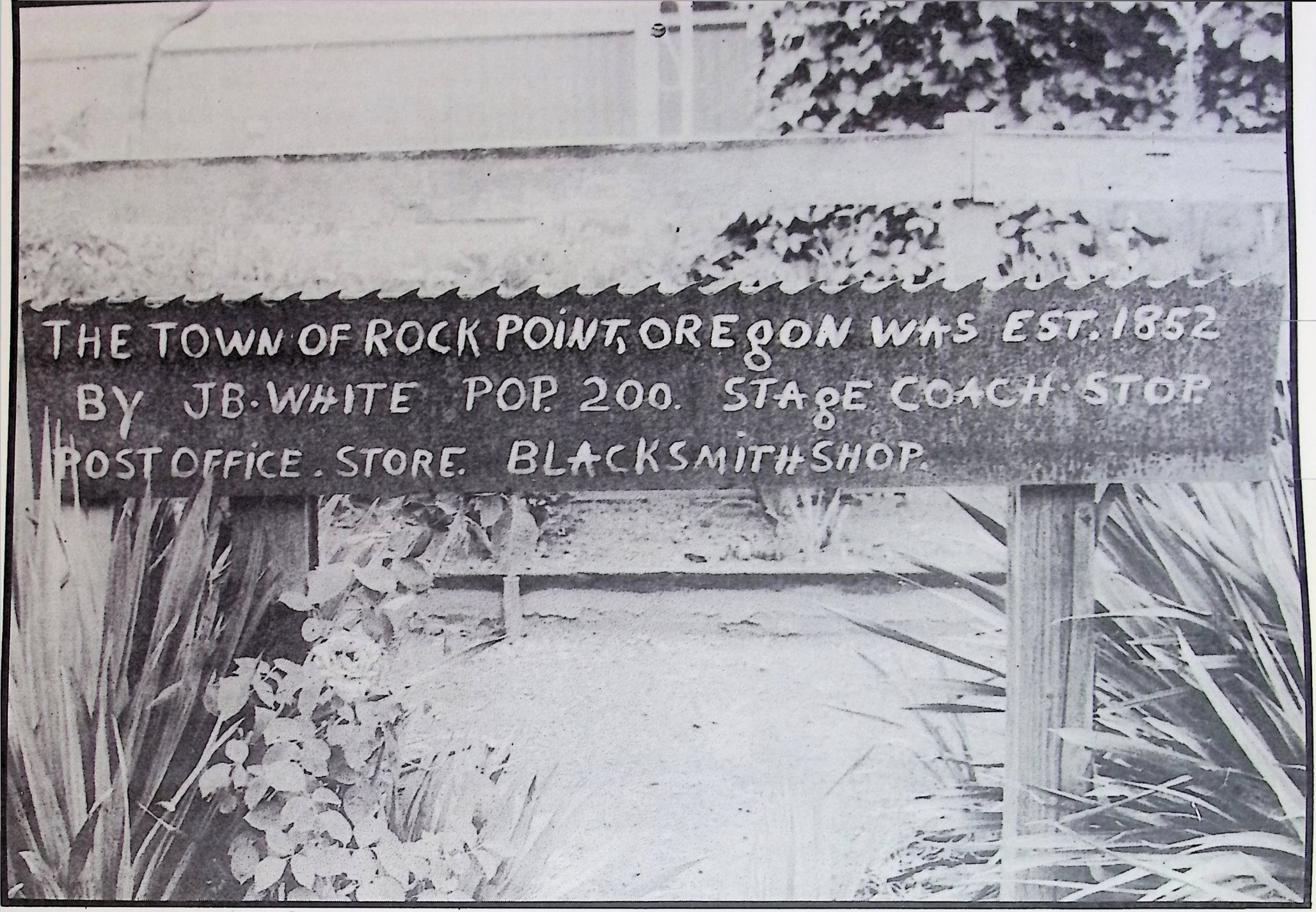
					1 May Day	2
3 First Quarter ☾	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mothers' Day	11 Full Moon ○	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day (Canada)	19 Last Quarter ☽	20 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	21	22	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day (U.S.) New Moon ●	26	27	28	29	30



Sign painted on a section of old sawmill band saw across the road from the stage station at Rock Point. A monument at the approach of the Rock Point bridge was misplaced during bridge repairs. *GHHS # 2299*

JUNE

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	1 First Quarter ☾	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Full Moon ○	11	12	13
14 *Flag Day (U.S.)*	15	16	17 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting* Last Quarter ☽	18	19	20
21 *Fathers' Day* *Summer Solstice*	22	23 New Moon ●	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Ray Ritter, late lifetime Gold Hill resident, at presentation of safety award in 1959 to the Ideal Cement Gold Hill plant. This granite monument, now in storage, was donated to Gold Hill Historical Society by Tom & Anne Baskin, through efforts of former mayor, Art Campbell. Plans are being made to restore and erect the monument in a suitable place.
Photo courtesy 1960 Cement Mixer magazine

GHHS # 2726

JUNE 1998

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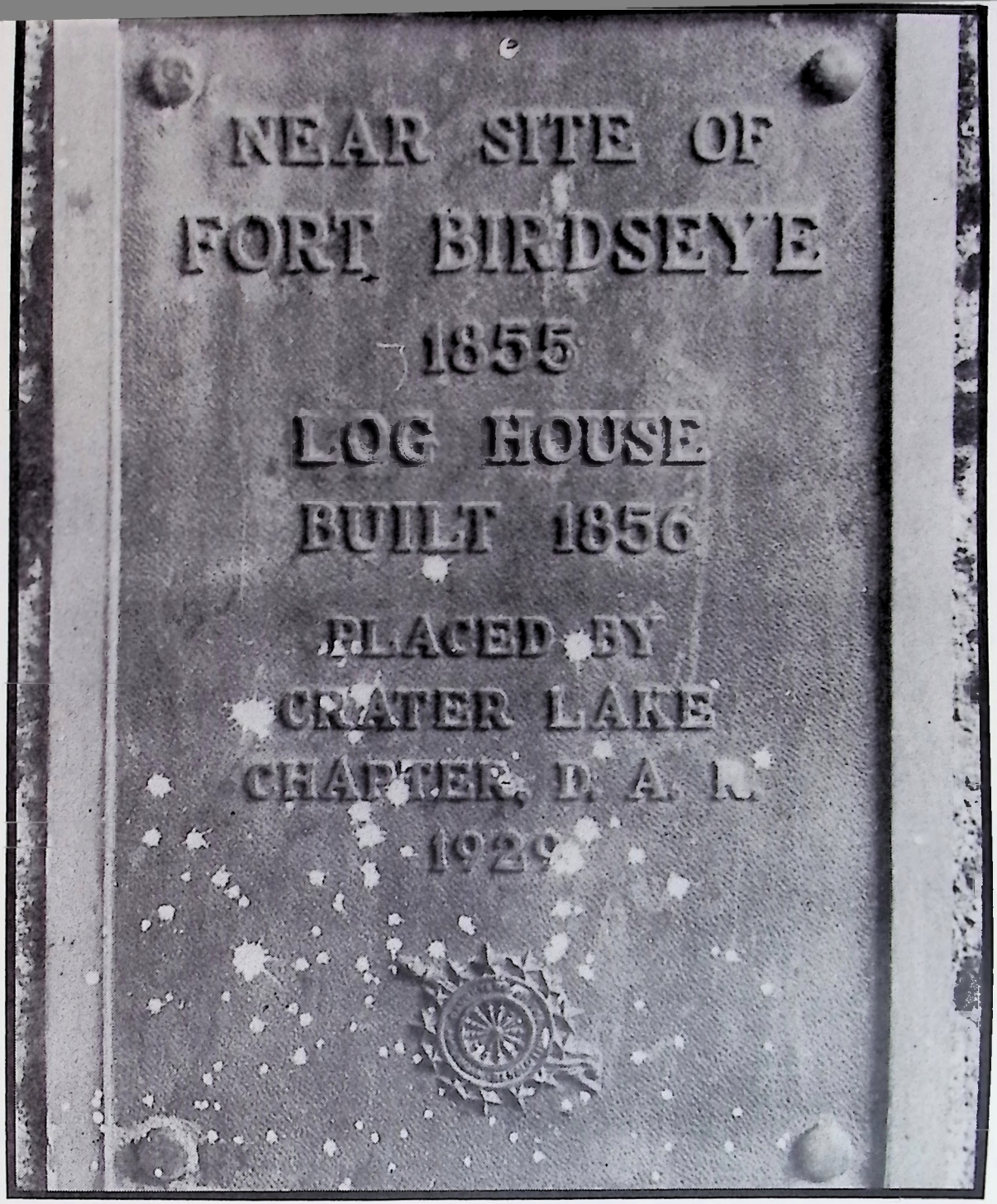
			1 *Canada Day (Canada)* First Quarter ☾	2	3	4 *Independence Day (U.S.)*
5	6	7	8	9 Full Moon ○	10	11
12	13	14	15 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	16 Last Quarter ☽	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 New Moon ●	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 First Quarter ☾	



This plaque, mounted on a concrete monument, stands in front of the original log house, now restored by descendants of the Birdseye family. It is located where Hwy 99 crosses Birdseye Creek *GHHS # 2298*

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9	10	11	12	13	14 Last Quarter ◑	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 New Moon ●	22
23 *Noon -- Gold Hill Historical Society meeting & potluck*	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

This plaque, now mounted on a rock wall on Hwy 99 between the town of Rogue River and Birdseye Creek. The park that was dedicated was later abandoned and is now non-existent.
Information found in December 13, 1937 Mail Tribune

GHHS # 2296

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		1	2	3	4	5
6 Full Moon ○	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12 Last Quarter ☽
13	14	15	16 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	17	18	19
20 New Moon ●	21 Rosh Hashanah	22 Rosh Hashanah	23 Autumnal Equinox	24	25	26
27	28 First Quarter ☾	29	30 Yom Kippur			

Fort Lane Monument located on Tolo Road between Tolo and Gold Ray Dam, was erected October 27, 1929 by Crater Lake Chapter of DAR. Rocks used were from original Fort Lane, built in 1853. A bronze plaque explaining the monument has since been stolen and the site is badly neglected. Photo courtesy Southern Oregon Historical Society. SOHS # 5797

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Full Moon ○	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day (U.S.) Thanksgiving Day (Canada) Last Quarter ◗	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 New Moon ●	21 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	22	23	24
25 *Daylight Saving Time Ends*	26	27	28 First Quarter ◖	29	30	31 Halloween

Sign on Table Rock Road between the upper and lower Table Rocks. The sign marks the location of a monument. *(See December page)*

GHHS # 2714

OCTOBER 1998

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Full Moon ○	5	6	7
8	9	10 Last Quarter ☽	11 *Veterans' Day (U.S.)* *Remembrance Day (Canada)*	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting* New Moon ●	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 *Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)* First Quarter ☾	27	28
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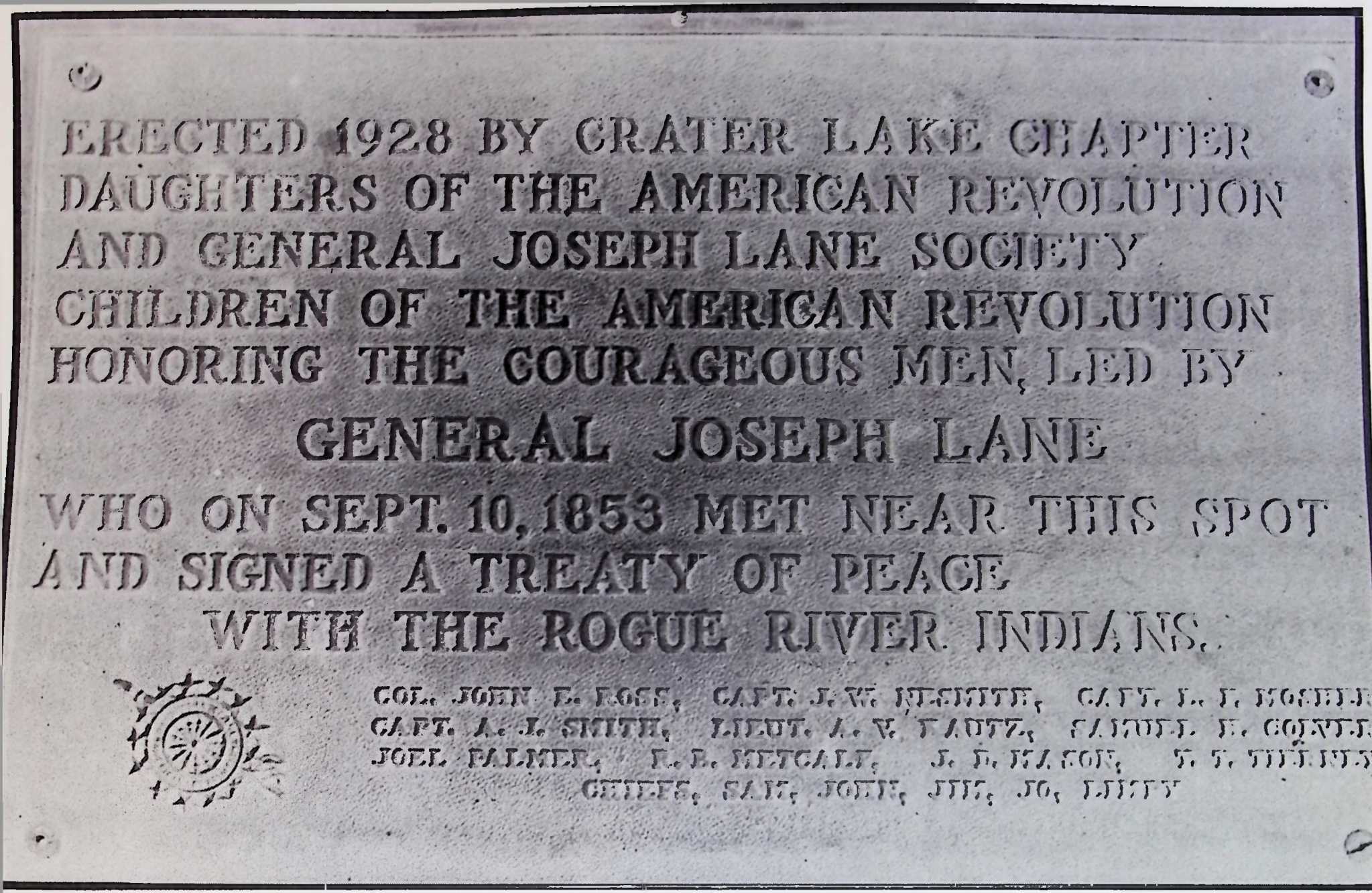
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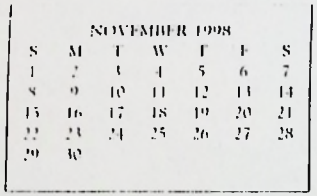
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
AND GENERAL JOSEPH LANE SOCIETY
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
HONORING THE COURAGEOUS MEN, LED BY
GENERAL JOSEPH LANE
WHO ON SEPT. 10, 1853 MET NEAR THIS SPOT
AND SIGNED A TREATY OF PEACE
WITH THE ROGUE RIVER INDIANS.

Monument facing lower Table Rock, along Table Rock Road, and across Rogue River north east of site of Fort Lane, which was erected in 1853. Table Rock was the Indian's last stronghold. *GHHS # 2713*



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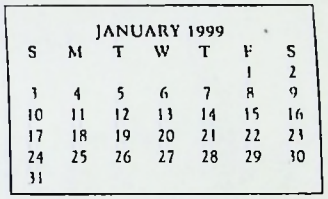

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13	14 First Day of Hanukkah	15	16 *6:30 P.M. Gold Hill Historical Society meeting*	17	18 New Moon ●	19
20	21 Winter Solstice Last Day of Hanukkah	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day (Canada) First Quarter ◖
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Presents the "History" Of The " AREA"

HISTORY

Gold Hill is a product of the frontier days of the 1850's and 1860's when bold men struck for golden riches and the Rogue Indians made war on all white invaders. The Gold Hill Lode, which was located on a mountain just northeast of the present townsite lent its name to the city.

The lode was originally owned by a partnership, with Thomas Chavner one of the biggest stockholders. The others were James Hayes, O. J. Graham, George Ish, and A. J. Long. State of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industry officially recorded the amount taken from this mine as $700,000.00. At 1990 prices that same amount of gold would be worth $15,312,500.00. With his share of the profits, Chavner acquired nearly 2,000 acres of prime land along the Rogue River.

In 1883, Chavner agreed to sell the railroad 17 acres. He then had 80 acres surveyed into a townsite and in 1884 he and his wife, Rose, founded the town by donating land to the public, naming the town Gold Hill in remembrance of the gold discovery made 27 years earlier. On February 12, 1895 the City of Gold Hill became incorporated.

Thomas Chavner built the first bridge to span the Rogue River in Gold Hill in 1857. The Second Avenue bridge which is in use today was built in 1927.

The first school classes were held in the Methodist Church in 1895. The A. J. Hanby School was erected in 1910 and first served all twelve grades, before becoming the high school. Their last high school commencement was in the spring of 1950 and Hanby School is now a middle school. The building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

On May 5, 1915 much of the business district on Second Avenue burned. The fast burning blaze was too much for the primitive fire suppression equipment in use at that time.

Gold Hill Historical Society was established January 20, 1986, the first elected officers being Genevieve Heil, President; Tom Cushman, Vice-President; Janet Sessions, Secretary/Treasurer. The purpose of the society is to promote, preserve and interpret the rich history of Gold Hill and the surrounding area. During our third year we became a formal, non-profit Historical Society. Our membership grew from 28 members to 59 in our second year. Currently our membership is 112 families. In 1993 we purchased a permanent home, the Beeman-Martin house, at 504 First Avenue. We then spent five months refurbishing it and celebrated our Grand Opening on January 8, 1994

During the past three years our collection of artifacts and photographs has more than doubled, including ancient mining machinery. We have nearly completed restoring the museum and grounds with the museum being a large asset to the Gold hill area.

How Gold Hill Was Named

In 1886, at the time when the railroad went through Southern Oregon, the first bridge crossing the Rogue river, below Jacksonville, was at Rock Point. The town of Gold Hill did not yet exist.

At Rock Point, there was a stagecoach stop and hotel, McGruder's General Merchandise store and post office, a one-room school, the usual blacksmith shop and cemetery, besides a few houses. Also there were many makeshift dwellings and tents, where the railroad construction workers lived. It was an up and coming community and they expected the railroad going through would add to its growth, however when the officials looked over the location, they decided the townsite, clustered between the mountains and the river, did not allow sufficient room. So they moved up the river a few miles, to build the depot and freight office and stockyard. They also built a railroad bridge across the Rogue River at this point.

To appease the people who sent in complaints, because they bypassed Rock Point, the Railroad Company advertised they would give a one-half acre building spot, free, to the person sending in the best name for their new location. Many names were sent in. Gold had recently been discovered on the Vroman hill, across the river from the railroad bridge. Johnny Griffiths sent in the name "Gold Hill", which was the one chosen. The plot of land awarded to him bordered on the river and here he built a home for his widowed mother and family. The house was completed in 1889 and it still stands today. Margaret Patrick, one of Griffith's girls, lived most of her life in this house. She taught school for fifty years in the Rogue River Valley, most of it in Gold Hill. The Patrick Elementary School in Gold Hill is named in her honor. She was known as Aunt Peggie to most of the people around Gold Hill.

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The Beeman-Martin House, built in 1901 by Josiah Beeman. It was purchased from Jill Martin, Beeman's granddaughter, in 1993. The house and grounds were renovated and restored by volunteer labor and now houses the Gold Hill Historical Society museum at the corner of 1st Avenue and 5th Street. GHHS # 2673

Sign located on 2nd Avenue at intersection of 5th Street. Built and erected by volunteer Gold Hill Historical Society members.
GHHS # 2782